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PATROL REPORTS NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT 1962-63

CAPE GLOUCESTER

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Cape Glo. 2-62/63	B.J. Batterham	Part Kaliai Census Division
" 3-62/63	B.J. Batterham	Bariai Census Division
" 4-62/63	B.J. Batterham	Kilenge Lolio
" 5-62/63	N. Wright	"
" 6-62/63	N. Wright	Kaliai Census Division
" 7-62/63	N. Wright	Bariai Census Division

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

see 67.1.0.F.S.P.T.H

District of *New Britain Cape Gloucester* Report No. *No 8 - 62/63*
2

Patrol Conducted by *B. J. Butcherham*

Area Patrolled *Part Italian (coastal)*

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans *nil*

Natives *three*

Duration—From *17/9/62* to *27/9/62*
6 10 62 8 10 62

Number of Days *7 + 3 = 10*

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? *No*

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services *11/10/61*

Medical *10/18/61*

Map Reference *Map attached*

Objects of Patrol *1) Tax collection 2) Census. 3) Routine Administration*

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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Over 13		Females in Child
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67-10-9

19th March, 1963.

The District Officer,
West New Britain District,
RABAU.

2 Dec 67-1-0 F.8. PTA

PATROL REPORT No. 6/1962-63
KALASEA.

Thank you for your 67-5-12 of 13th
March, 1963 and attachments.

2. It is gratifying to note that this Department is playing its full part in the co-ordination of Administration activities in the Kalasea area.
3. I am pleased that the promecathica has been arrested.

Q
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-10-92

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

67-5-12



District Office,
RABAUL.

13th March, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

Cape Gloucester

TALASEA PATROL REPORT NO. 2-1962/63.

cc 67.1.0 F.8 PTA.

.... In reply to your 67-10-9 of 7th February, last,
I now forward a copy of further comments by the Assistant
District Officer at Talasea.

(K.A. BROWN)
Acting District Officer,
West New Britain.

67-2-1

Sub-district Office,
Talasea.

6th March, 1963.

The District Officer,

R A B A U L.

SUBJECT: Talasea Patrol Report No. ² 7-1962/63.

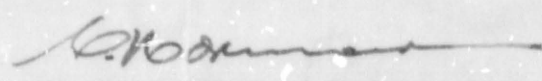
see 67.1.0 F.8 P.T.A.

As the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries ~~representatives~~ visit the area regularly we give very little advice on agricultural matters, and we have found that this is better for overall Sub-district coordination of Administration activities. Where we find agricultural matters need attention our findings are reported to the Agricultural Officer at Talasea for his action.

No economic trees were destroyed during the survey of the proposed 'strip site. The Director's comment has been noted.

Re paragraph 3. I do not know whether the disease at Iboke has been reported but I would presume that the Manager has taken this action. The matter has been reported to the Department of Agriculture at Talasea.

It might be of interest to the Director, in view of his interest in Agricultural activity, to know that the devastation caused to palms on Lingalinga plantation by *promecathica* has been arrested and now is not an impediment to production. The Rainau Plantation Service regularly inspects Lingalinga and offers professional advice.



C. J. Normoyle
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

67-10-9

7th February, 1963.

District Officer,
New Britain District,
RABAU.

Cape Gloucester
PATROL REPORT NO. 9/1962-63 - ~~TABUA~~.

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks. The people's attitude towards the patrol is highly satisfactory.

2. What action was taken to improve the condition of coconut groves and gardens by the patrolling officer? It is gratifying that the tambu on building materials has finished in the Kerai-ai area. You would be well advised not to destroy any trees of economic value during the survey stages of proposed airstrip sites.

3. I am pleased to note that the people are making new coconut plantings on the 24' square basis. Has the presence of the insects living in the palms at Aboki been reported to the Department of Agriculture and has action been taken on it by that Department?

4. It is pleasing to see the Kandoka Copra Society operating well to satisfy the requirements of the people. If the people wish to spend their money on community buildings, I do not think we should interfere with them.

W. R. Dishon
(W. R. Dishon)
A/DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-10-109

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

67-5-12



District Office,
Rabaul.

16th January, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

see 67.1.0 F.8. Pt.4

TARASBA
PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 62/63
PARA KALIAI CENSUS DIVISION

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1. Above report for your information.
2. The native situation as reported is very good. It is pleasing to note the respect with which the Administration is held.
3. The patrol was of a routine nature and completed the census commenced by Mr. Besasparis who was transferred to Cape Hoskins.
4. Mr. Batterham has written a good report but I am concerned on the time lag in his submissions. The latter part of 1962 was difficult due to inter Sub-district transfers, resulting from leave casualties, and some delay was inevitable. However I feel it could have been submitted earlier. I was able to discuss this with him at Cape Gloucester during my last inspection visit.

(K. A. Brown)
a/District Officer
West New Britain



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Report
No 2 of 1962/63.

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-1

Patrol Post,
CAPE GLOUCESTER.

14th November, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
TALASEA.

SUBJECT: Coastal Kaliai patrol report.

INTRODUCTION:

The coastal Kaliai extends along the north coast of New Britain from Tamuniai island, in the west, to the west side of Rein Bay, in the east.

The Kaliai people are, in the main, of physical / a strong build; and, as with their neighbours: the Kombi, they are famous for the quality of their canoe building and for their ocean going feats of travel to such places as Bali and Witu islands which are some 30 miles of open sea away.

The area could not be called an advanced one. Little exists in the way of economic agriculture and intensive contact with the Administration has only been over the last six years. Mission influence is strong, especially that of the Catholic mission which has about 99% of the population as followers.

DIARY:

For diary see Field Officer's journal folios 9 and 10 paras. 70 to 76. forwarded to the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, on the 30/9/62.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The patrol was well received throughout and was assisted in every way possible by the people. The Administration is highly respected in the area and every effort is made to create a good impression on the visiting Patrol Officer. Women all appear in their traditional dress for the duration of the census adjustment.

As the census figures show much of the area is over recruited and this has had an adverse effect in some villages. Coconut groves are not well cared for and food gardens are, by enlarge, poor.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING:

Housing is good in most villages. All the houses are built off the ground and the villages are neatly laid out. Gogla village which I am lead to believe has only recently moved down from inland Kaliai has very poor housing. All the houses are built off the ground but are very small and have no cooking house attached. A big problem in all villages is the building of latrines. Water is very close to the surface in most places and necessitates the building of latrines out over the sea. This method works only to a limited degree and is completely inadequate during the north west season.

Over the past twelve months or so there has been a number of seemingly unexplained deaths in the village of Kerai ai. The result of this has been a large migration out of Kerai ai and into surrounding villages. Kerai-ai has suffered accordingly and the housing is poor. I encouraged many of these people to go back to their old village as in many cases they were not over welcome in their village of resettlement and many arguments re gardens had arisen. The Luluai of Kerai-ai did everything in his power to prevent this migration out of his village. His ace card was that most of the building materials used by Kerai-ai and surrounding villages is located in a stream just east of Kerai-ai and was henceforth cut-off from anybody that left Kerai-ai and went and lived in another village.

I noticed on a recent follow up patrol of the area that many people have moved back to Kerai-ai and are now building new houses. Also the "tambu" on building materials has finished.

AIRFIELDS:

During this patrol a number of possible airstrip sites were inspected. Behind Laubore village - your 4-1-0 of the 19th December, 1961 refers - there is, as contained in my 4-1-1 of the 6th December, 1961, 1500 feet of flat kunai grass covered land that was again inspected during this patrol. The area could be extended by 250 feet but would necessitate the cutting down of some 160 fully mature and would still not reach the /coconuts requirements as contained in your above mentioned memorandum.

A two further sites were inspected in a kunai grass plain on the east bank of the Banu river, adjacent to Iboki plantation. Both failed to reach the minimum requirements: one being 980 feet and the other 1020 feet. The latter could be extended for another 500 feet but would necessitate the cutting across the back portion of Iboki plantation which has young coconuts planted there.

In accordance with your 4-1-0 of the 22nd November, 1962, I herewith enclose in this report a report of an inspection of a possible airstrip site adjacent to Kaliai Catholic Mission. Such inspection being carried out on the 23rd November, 1962; Field Officer's Journal, Folio 16-62/63, para. 137 refers.

Metelenurial, the site mentioned in your letter, is a kunai grass covered ridge, approximately 1500 feet long and with Kaliai Catholic mission buildings situated in the middle of it, and is therefore completely unsuitable. Also I could find no ridge within three miles radius of the mission station that would confirm with the minimum airstrip requirements. However, west of Metelenurial ridge in a small coastal plain, there is an area of land that may prove to be sufficient for an airstrip. The information I have on the area is as follows.

NAME OF LAND:	POGALU.
TYPE OF LAND:	Lightly timbered (old garden sites), giving way to kunai in parts.
WIDTH:	Varying between 400 and 500 ft.
LENGTH:	3,100 ft.
DIRECTION OF LAND:	Lies EAST WEST.
WINDS:	Mostly from South East. As strong as thirty knots on occasions.
APPROACHES:	Eastern approach is unobstructed. The western approach is directly in line with a village coconut grove.

Although I made no attempt, at this stage, to clearly define the ownership of this land I am assured, by Village Officials, that ownership is well defined and is undisputed.

AGRICULTURE:

Most of the Kaliai coastal village people build their gardens on a narrow, timbered, coastal strip of land and on timbered fingers which penetrate into the kunai grass covered hills that surround their villages. Evidently this land is not good and the resultant gardens are poor. My 6-1-12 to the Agricultural Officer, Talasea, with a c.c. to you, on the 5th October, 1962 refers. At the moment there is no taro in the area of sufficient maturity to eat. Some inland villages are bringing taro to the coast and are trading with it. Tapioca is forming the staple food of the area and seems to be in abundance. I inspected many gardens in the area and estimate that the position will be unchanged until March 1963 when the present young taro gardens should mature. The position will be relieved around late November and December when Breadfruit will ripen. All villages, with the exception of Gilau, had Breadfruit trees in the vicinity of the living area.

All villages in the area have substantial coconut groves and all produce copra which they sell to Kaliai Catholic mission or to Iboki plantation. Kandoka, Laubore and Tavilizi villages have all planted new lines of coconuts and have planted them in accordance with D.A.S.F. requirements i.e. they have planted them on the 24 foot square principle. Many of the coconut groves are overgrown the main reason for this seems to be that in many villages large numbers of the able bodied men are working in outside areas, notably Rabaul.

At Tavilizi village my attention was drawn to a disease which has visibly affected the coconuts there. The disease seems to be caused by a small green insect which attacks the fronds of the coconut leaving the appearance that a fire has recently been through them. The coconut palms at Iboki are also suffering from this disease or infestation. The villages themselves are by no means perturbed about the matter and predicted that after Christmas the trouble would right itself as it has evidently done many times in the past. However copra production has dropped noticeably in this village.

KANDOKA COPRA SOCIETY:

This Society (unregistered) was formed in February 1960 under the prompting of the Patrol Officer at Cape Gloucester in conjunction with Father Hayes, then of Kaliai Catholic mission station. Despite the qualms that the Co-operative section brought forward at the time the Society seems to be functioning well. A Society store has been established in the villages of Kandoka and Tavilizi and both stores sell trade goods as well as the buying and selling of copra. A number of people who are not members of the Society also buy and sell copra to the Society as well as buy goods from the two stores.

The Administration seems to have faded out of the picture somewhat with all Society matters being handled and supervised by Father Berkman of Kaliai mission. The original idea of rebate or dividend payment has been dropped the money being spent instead on the building of schools and other mission sponsored amenities for the area.

Nonetheless the Society does function well and

if, at some time in the future, the Administration decided to implement a Government sponsored Society in the area a good foundation for same has been built up by the Kandoka Copra Society.

HEALTH:

The area comes under the immediate supervision of the Public Health Department, Talasea, and is patrolled from that headquarters.

There is no Government Aid Post to be found along the Kaliai coast all health matters coming under the care of the Catholic mission at Kaliai. This mission has a well equipped European materials hospital which is staffed by a European Sister and two locally trained nurses. The hospital seems to be well patronised, not only by the Kaliai but also by much of the Kombi area.

The general health of the people, as far as one can judge by appearances, seems to be good.

EDUCATION:

Once again education is entirely in the hands of the Catholic mission at Kaliai. There are no village schools in the area but one central school at Kaliai which acts as a boarding school from Monday to Friday. The Father at Kaliai informs me that school attendance is very good with few to no absentees.

At Kaliai school is taught by a trained European teacher who has a number of certificated native teachers assisting her. Classes go up to Standard 4 from where the boy or girl showing sufficient may proceed to Rabaul and be/promise enrolled in Vunapope's girls school or Vavu's school for boys.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

On the whole village/are doing a good job. / officials This is especially so for the Paramount Luluai Aipo of Kandoka village who, although aging badly, still holds a position of much authority in the area. During my first visit to the raea I left a number of instructions for various villages of the area with him. He policed these instructions and they were very promptly carried out. Gagola village is suffering under the effects of two very disinterested Village Officials at the moment. The Paramount Luluai claimed that they should be dismissed as being totally and completely useless. I am inclined to agree with him and if on the next visit to the area the position is unchanged I feel that I will be obliged to recommend that these two men be dismissed.

LAW AND JUSTICE:

This area is well and truly caught up in the web of the Kombi borrowing system. Numerous troubles re same were ironed out during the course of the patrol.

There was no matter that required court action.

TAXATION AND N.M.T.A.S

Through the avenue of taxation this patrol collected £96.

There was ^{was} nil N.M.T.A. payments.

POLICE:

The patrol was accompanied by Consts. ONNA, BEJIP and PELIS. The conduct of all was satisfactory such comment having been duly entered on their respective Records of Service.

CONCLUSION:

This patrol was started by Mr. Besasparis and was subsequently completed by me on Mr. Besasparis being transferred to Cape Hoskins and myself to Cape Gloucester. As I have yet to visit the inland Kaliai I have not got a complete picture of the Kaliai census division. Of what I have seen of the area there appears to be a tendency to stagnate. Nonetheless the area does have a reasonable economic potential in the sale of copra and every effort will be made, as was done during this patrol, to encourage this. Food shortage in the area could become acute and I will keep a close watch on the situation.

According to your patrol program for 1963 the Kaliai census division is due to be revisited in May when, I hope, the situation will be reported on for the complete Kaliai census division and not in this present ~~unavoidable~~ disjointed form.

For your information, please.

B. J. Batt
B. J. Batt, 1sm
PATROL OFFICER.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

Rev 67.1.0 F.S. P.T.A

District of New Britain Report No. C.G. No 3862/63
2050 No. 7 of 62/63
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Patrol Conducted by B. J. Butterham

Area Patrolled Bani

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil

Natives three

Duration—From 15/11/1962 to 28/11/1962

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/9/1961

Medical ... 1/1/1962

Map Reference Map attached

Objects of Patrol Census Tax Collection Routine
Administration

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ 19 .

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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Females
in Child
in

67-10-12

1st March, 1963.

District Officer,
New Britain District,
RAHAIL.

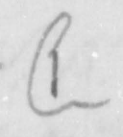
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PATROL REPORT NO. 2/62-63 - TALASEA.

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. I am pleased that the Assistant District Officer is not encouraging construction of vehicular roads in the Barial Census Division, but should continue maintaining good bridle paths at this stage.

3. The legend Moro is of interest and I have no doubt influences the people's attitudes towards co-operatives. It is not uncommon to find people confusing their myths with organisations of more advanced societies. The area appears to be well settled and reasonably progressive.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67. 10. 12 ✓

Telegram

Telephone 67-5-12

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr



District Office,
Rabaul.

4th February, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

see 67.1.0 F.8 P.T.A

PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1962-1963
BARIAI CENSUS DIVISION

1. Matters concerned with Co-operatives have been referred to Co-operative Officer, Talasea, by the Assistant District Officer. I have already discussed them with Assistant Registrar.
2. The Assistant District Officer has advised that he has no intention of encouraging the construction of vehicular roads in the BARIAI Census Division. I support such action as they are not warranted at this stage. The people of course will be advised to continue maintaining good bridle paths.
3. The patrol was of a routine nature and was well carried out.

K. A. Brown
(K. A. Brown)
a/District Officer
West New Britain



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No.

Patrol Post,
CAPE GLOUCESTER.

9th January, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
TALASEA.

BARIAI Patrol Report - Cape Gloucester No. 3 - 62/63.

INTRODUCTION:

The Bariai census division is a coastal area of some 68 miles of coastline. It extends from Borgen Bay, in the west, to central Totook Bay, in the east. The area is patrolled from Cape Gloucester patrol post.

All villages are situated on the coast and all gardens and economic activity is restricted to a small - one mile - coastal plain.

The people of the Bariai are not, as the figures show, increasing to any extent, in number.

They are a sea-going people but their canoes and ocean going feets do not compare with those of their neighbours of the Kaliai and Kilenge census divisions.

NATIVE AFFAIRS: DIARY:

For diary see Field Officer's Journal folios 15 - 16 62/63 paragraphs 129 to 142, forwarded to the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, on the 9th January, 1963.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The patrol was welcomed throughout and every assistance afforded it.

The Bariai consists of three language groups. The main one being the Bariai language, which is spoken by all villages except Malasongno and Siamatai. Malasongno speaks the language of the coastal Kaliai and Siamatai speaks the language of the Lollo bush; these areas being their respective origins.

During the course of the patrol a claim was made by the Catholic priest at Kokopo that the Bariai Cooperative Society was being misinterpreted and that a form of cargo cult had resulted. He maintains that the feverish activity which the Bariai is now showing towards copra production is due to their desire to quickly obtain a trade store from which they believe they will obtain goods free. In support of his argument he quotes a local legend, still widely believed, called MORO. Moro was a Bariai ancestor who was half man and half snake. He had many powers but the main one was his ability to produce food and during his time in the Bariai nobody worked as all food was supplied by Moro. There is a rather detailed account as to his wanderings around the area but, much to everyone's sorrow he finally disappeared at Cape Gloucester.

where the society now has their store room and office. Father claims that the Bariai believe that the store is the work of Moro and hence all things from it would necessarily be free.

During the course of this patrol I attempted to verify this claim but was unable to do so. However Father has and intimate knowledge of the area and I have no doubt that his observations are accurate. During the course of the patrol the functions of Co-operative Societies were explained to all Members and the above story discredited.

However in the light of the above I have submitted certain recommendations to you under the heading Economic Development and will await your further advise re same.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING:

On the whole housing in the Bariai area is very good. All villages with the exception of Malasongno are clean, tidy and well laid out and are a credit to the people there.

An abundance of building material is readily available to all villages so there is no excuse for sub-standard housing.

Rest houses in the area are very well built. Some such as those at Alaido and Akonga are very big structures having a bedroom, dining room, kitchen and wash room. The people have gone to great lengths to make these rest houses presentable. They have planted hedges and formed paths and have erected permanent flag poles. Apart from being very comfortable to live in these rest houses are indicative of the standing of the Administration in the area.

Mr. Besasparis, formerly of Cape Gloucester, left instructions with various people re their housing during his last patrol to the area. He also noted these instructions in the village books. In most cases his instructions had been carried out; where they had not appropriate action was taken.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Village Officials are doing a reasonable job throughout the whole area. This is especially so for the Luluai and Tultul of Alaido village who not only have model /a village but also appear to be the driving force behind the production of copra in the area.

Since the previous patrol to the area the Tultul from Mamaramanga has died and AKUKU/MAPEI-0 has been provisionally appointed.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Malasongno is connected with Siamatai by road. Siamatai is connected with Gurissi only by a road along the beach, when conditions are favourable, and of course by canoe. The villages of Gurissi to Alaido are all connected by road. This road is well formed and will readily take bicycle traffic. The road connecting Gurissi with Bambak is well formed and if the small streams between them were bridged the road would be suitable for a Jeep or some such similar vehicle. From Bambak to Alaido the road tends to be swampy in parts but this section also could be made into a four wheel drive vehicular road. The Catholic priest at Kokopo informs me that he has applied for a vehicle to be sent to his station and when it arrives it will give the people a further incentive to improve their roads.

ROADS AND BRIDGES contd.

There is also a track which connects Alaido village with the Patrol Post. This road is very long and I think that there are insufficient natives along the route to justify its maintenance without some form of payment to the people of Alaido village on whom the bulk of the work would necessarily fall.

CENSUS AND TAX COLLECTION.

Refer tax census statistics sheet enclosed.

There was a very good attendance at the census four people only - from Malasongno village - were absent at the time of census. Cape Gloucester Native Affairs Court case Nos. 67, 68, 69 and 70 of the 7th January, 1963, refers.

The population of the area has increased by only four since the last census.

All migrations in the area have been internal and most are due to marriage or child adoption.

Through the avenue of taxation \$85 was collected.

LAW AND JUSTICE:

Court action taken against census absentees as mentioned above. Also Court action was taken against DAVASU RANGA of Akonga village concerning his failure to carry out an order authorised by the Native Affairs Regulations given him by Patrol Officer Mr. A. Besasparis. Cape Gloucester Court case No. 57 of the 1st December, 1962, refers.

Many complaints re borrowing were brought up during the course of the patrol but were settled by discussion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT:

Copra production in the area is booming. At the present time the Bariai Society is averaging about 75 bags a month. This is I think after having inspected their groves nearing the max. production for the area with the existing number and quality of the palms.

Copra is also bought by the Catholic priest at Kokopo. He is in very strong competition with the Society and gives much assistance to his suppliers in the erection of copra dryers etc.

Most villages have areas of new palms which in the main are well laid out and well cut. The planting of coconuts was encouraged throughout the patrol.

Assuming that the Catholic priest's claim discussed earlier under Native Affairs concerning the Bariai Native Society I believe that the following steps could be made to off set this line of thought:

1. Move the Society to a more central position than Cape Gloucester. I think Kokopo village would be a more suitable site.
2. Endeavour to have coastal ships calling in at Kokpo to pick up the Societys copra. I have already approached the Captain of the M.V. Kurwina regarding this matter and he is now considering the matter.
3. To quickly establish a store selling trade goods sponsored by the Society. Then it will be quickly brought home to the Members of the Society that they will not receive goods for nothing or on credit.
4. More in the way of propanganda by the Co-operative section as to the function of a Co-operative society.

AGRICULTURE:

Native food gardens in the area are in a transition period where the old garden has finished and the new one is not yet in full production. Consequently there is a food shortage in the area but this is not acute.

Much activity is going on in the planting and maintaining of coconuts. Also many villagers requested that they be given cocoa to be interplanted with their coconuts.

The local health officer is running very well. At the time of census there were twelve patients in hospital and a number of out-patients.

The Aid Post clearly there is very interested in the work and is making a good kind of it.

B. J. ...
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HEALTH:

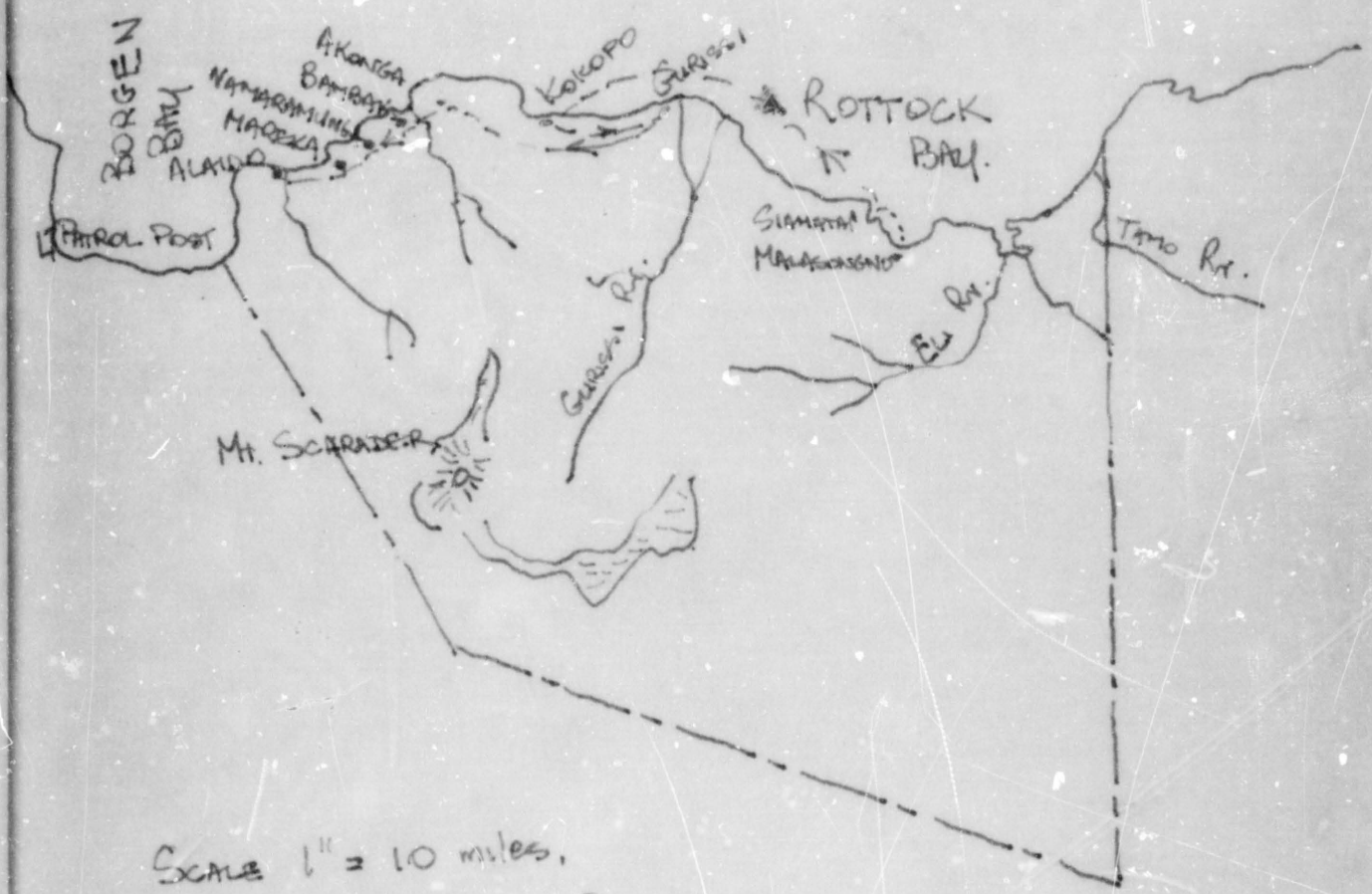
The health of the people does, as far as one can judge from appearances, seem good.

The Barial area comes under the supervision of the Public Health Department, Cape Gloucester, as is patrolled from that area. The last Health patrol to the area was carried out in January, 1962.

The newly opened Aid Post at Akonga village is running very well. At the time of census there were twelve patients in hospital and a number of out-patients.

The Aid Post Orderly there is very interested in his work and is making a good fist of it.

B. J. Battersham
Patrol Officer



SCALE 1" = 10 miles.

→ ROUTE TAKEN BY PATROL.

TGA. SHK

67-10-16

18th March, 1963.

The District Officer,
West New Britain District,
RABAU.

Case 67.10.F.8 Pt. 4.

PATROL REPORT No. 1/1962-63

RABAU
C. Gousselin

Receipt of the above mentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The peoples interest in the purpose of the Common Roll is encouraging. The paragraph concerning their interest has been passed to the Director of the Department of Information in order that he may prepare the necessary information or dissemination amongst such people.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67.10.16 ✓ ~~67.10.13~~



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone 67-5-12
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....



District Office,
RABAUL.

4th March, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOHU. PAPUA.

C. Gloucester

TALASEA PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1962/1963.

4 - see 67.1.0 F.P.T.A

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Attached is a short report of a patrol mounted for the sole purpose of compiling the Common Roll in the KILINGI LOLLIC Census Division.

(K.A. BROWN)
Acting District Officer,
West New Britain.

67-1-1

Patrol Post,
CAPE GLOUCESTER

1st February, 1963.

District Officer,
Rabaul.

Subject: Cape Gloucester Special Patrol Kilenge Lollo -
Common Roll Compilation

Introduction:

Due to the possible shortage of staff that will exist in West New Britain in the next few months, this patrol was initiated with the sole purpose in mind of completing the Common Roll for Kilenge-Lollo census division before I proceeded to Australia on the 6th February, 1963, to attend the Long Course at A.S.O.P.A. The Common Roll for the area was compiled in accordance with Department of Native Affairs 1-50-0 of the 5th November, 1962.

Diary:

For diary see Field Officer's Journal Folio 19-62/63 paras. 162 to 165 and Folio 22-62/63 paras. 187, 190 to 192, forwarded to Assistant District Officer, Talasea, on the 1st February, 1963.

The patrol was well met throughout and every assistance possible given to it. There were no problems encountered in the compiling of the Common Roll: however many questions, such as those concerning candidates etc., were asked and were - due to insufficient information to hand at the time - left unanswered. I informed the people that there was to be an election in 1964 and that every person whose name etc., I had taken down, would be eligible to vote. As to the actual working of the elections, candidates, campaign, etc., electors were told that more information would be given to them as it came to hand.

The Common Roll was compiled for all villages in the Kilenge Lollo with the exception of those in the immediate vicinity of Sag Sag Anglican Mission. At the time the patrol was at Sag Sag, every able-bodied man was engaged carrying equipment belonging to the American Geodetic Survey team to the peak of Mt. Tangis, and I did not wish to interrupt them. Mr. Wright, Officer in Charge, went to Sag Sag on the 30th January to attend to the villages at Sag Sag, and by this time I would imagine work has been completed. The Common Roll in five copies has been forwarded, under separate cover, to the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, for safe keeping.

Claim for camping allowance attached.

B. J. Batterham
(B. J. Batterham)
Patrol Officer-in-Charge



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

C.G. NO. ⁵ ~~A~~-62/63.

District of.....NEW BRITAIN..... Report No. ~~TAL. 14~~ /62-63

Patrol Conducted by.....N. WRIGHT.....

Area Patrolled.....KILINGE/LOLO.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NO.....

1 N.M.A.
Natives.....3 R.P.N.G.C.....

Duration—From 30./1./1963 to 18./2./1963.....

Number of Days.....20.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../5./1962.....

Medical/...../18.....

Map Reference.....MAP ATTACHED.....

Objects of Patrol.....COMMON ROLL.....

ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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67-10-28

21st August, 1963.

The District Officer,
West New Britain District,
RABAUL.

Sub-District Office,
TALAMBA.

17th July, 1963.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5-62/63 - CASE GLOUCESTER.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is
acknowledged with thanks.

Thank you for the information contained in your
67-5-12 of the 27th July, 1963.

Your minute 67-5-12 of 27th July, 1963.

Enclosed please find three copies (J. K. McCarthy),
of all villages in the Census Division. Director.

Par. 261-289 of Mr. Wright's Field Officers Journal of
Police 33-54 refer.

(S. McBride)

Assistant District Officer

67-10-28
✓

MINUTE



67-4-1

Sub-District Office,
TALASEA.

19th July, 1963.

District Officer,
West New Britain District,
RABAUL.

CENSUS KILENGE/LOLLO - GLOUCESTER REPORT No.5-62/63

Your minute 67-5-12 of 25th March, 1963 refers.

Enclosed please find three copies of Census figures covering all villages in the Census Division.

Par. 281-285 of Mr. Wright's Field Officers Journal on Folios 53-54 refer.

[Signature]
.....
(B. McBride)

Assistant District Officer.

Minute 67-5-12. at April 1963.
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEPOBU. PAPUA.

I refer to your 67-10-28 dated 1st April, last, and now forward, in duplicate, the completed Population Register for the above-mentioned Census Division.

22.7.63.

(B.J. EMANUEL)
District Officer.

RECORDS

MINUTE

File No. 67-10-28

Govt. Print.—4446/10.00.

SUBJECT

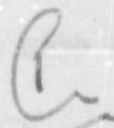
PATROL REPORT NO. 5/1962-63 - CAPE GLOUCESTER

Please place on Common Roll File :-

EXTRACT from abovementioned Patrol Report"COMMON ROLL:

No problems were encountered in compiling the Common Roll and all available information was passed on, questions were encouraged though not many were forthcoming. The people stated that they would discuss it later on at village meetings, they were told that if any questions arose from these meetings that they would be answered, if possible at the patrol post and that as more information came to hand it would be passed on to them.

The Common Roll for the Kilenge/Lollo area is now completed and copies of same will be forwarded to the Assistant District Officer, Talasea under separate cover for safe keeping."



(T.G. AITCHISON)
Chief of Division (Govt. & Research)

1st April, 1963

67-10-28

1st April, 1963.

The District Officer,
New Britain District,
HABAIL.

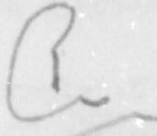
PATROL REPORT No. 5/62-63 - CAPE GLOUCESTER

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report
is acknowledged with thanks.

I am pleased to see that Mr Wright is contin-
uing his good work and that the Common Roll has now been
compiled for the KILINGI/LOLLO Census Division.

It is gratifying to note an Officer who is
prepared to continue the work commenced by other Officers
and not shoot off at some tangent leaving half-completed
jobs.

A very satisfactory Report with very good covering
comment.


(J. E. McCarthy)
Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-10-26 ✓

Telegrams

Telephone 67-5-12

Our Reference.....

if calling ask for

Mr.....



District Office,
RABAUL.

25th March, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

CAPE Gloucester

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TALASEA PATROL REPORT NO. 14 OF 1962-1963,
KILINGI/LOLLO CENSUS DIVISION.

1. The above report, with comments by the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, forwarded for your information.
2. Mr. Wright has gained more experience in running Patrol Posts than most officers of his seniority. He conducted the affairs of Cape Hoskins Patrol Post with creditable results while he was left alone.
3. This is his first solo patrol and the report is a good one.
4. The Common Roll has now been compiled for KILINGI/LOLLO Census Division.
5. The census is only partly completed and the lists will be forwarded as soon as this is done.
6. Mr. Wright is at present on patrol in the KALIAI Census Division.

(K.A. BROWN)

Acting District Officer,
West New Britain.

67-1-1

Sub-district Office,
Talasea.

15th March, 1963.

The District Officer,

R A B A U L.

SUBJECT: Cape Gloucester Patrol Report No. ⁵ ~~4~~ - KILENGE/LOLLO.

Please find enclosed a Patrol Report which has been submitted by Cadet Patrol Officer N. Wright who is at present acting as Officer in Charge of the Cape Gloucester Patrol Post, and I want to congratulate him on a very good submission and for conducting a very good patrol.

Mr. Wright is a very new Officer and I am well pleased with the standard of his work and with the way in which he is accepting the responsibility of running the Gloucester Patrol Post.

COMMON ROLL

Mr. Wright's compilation of this has been good and his preparations are on my file 1-5-8.

LAW AND ORDER.

I have discussed the absentee case from census with Mr. Wright and he is re-examining his facts before proceeding with it before a Court.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Mr. Wright's efforts on road works is a continuation of the work commenced by previous Officers and will benefit the people long after he has left the area. I have inspected the roads in the Cape Gloucester area and I feel that the work that the Patrol Officers are doing is worth while in developing the area and ensuring good means of communication. Perhaps you might care to have this work mentioned over the Administration Broadcast station at Rabaul.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Cooperative Officer at Talasea will be visiting the Cape Gloucester area next week and will have discussions on this matter with the Cadet Patrol Officer. I understand that the Cooperative Officer has proposals for improving shipping services to the Native Cooperative Societies in the area and he will be advising me on these after his next visit. Mr. Wright's extract under this heading has been passed to the Cooperative Officer at Talasea.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE

Matters mentioned under this heading have been passed to the Agricultural Officer at Talasea and as yet I have not had his comments on the extract.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS

The advice given to the parents of those children who have neglected to return to school is good. The patrolling Officer should always try to get parents to have their children attend school. The children of the Kilenge area are intelligent and there are a couple of them attending school in Australia. The Officer could use this as a lever to remind children of the advantages of education but he should be careful not to suggest that all who go to school will go to Australia!

REPORT ON POLICE

This is not a necessary part of a Patrol Report. Comments on Polices who accompany patrols should be noted in their Records of Service and Forms 1 in connection with these despatched to the Commissioner of Police at Konedobu.

ACCOMPANYING MAP

This has been well done however North is not clearly shown on my copy and the Patrol Officer's name has not been written on the map.

CONCLUSION

While I have every confidence that Mr. Wright is capable of properly caring for the Patrol Post while we wait for the posting of a more senior man it is important that Mr. Wright maintain a sense of equilibrium in all his undertakings. Although Mr. Wright is a young man I am sure that he has a sense in implimenting policy of the Administration and in executing his agency functions; and indeed all his important duties, will always prevail.

Camping claim attached for your certification.

C. J. Normoyle
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. The Officer in Charge,
Cape Gloucester.

67-2-1

Patrol Post,
Cape Gloucester,
Talasea Sub District,
West New Britain District.

5th March, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
TALASEA.

KILENGE/LOLLO Patrol Report - Cape Gloucester No. ⁵ - 62/63

INTRODUCTION: The Kilenge, lollo Census Division is situated on the western tip of New Britain and is patrolled from the Cape Gloucester Patrol Post which is situated within this Division.

It extends on the north coast from the eastern side of Borgen Bay to the Itni River on the south coast which is also the boundary of the Arawe Census Division of the Kandrian Sub District.

The inland section of this area is fairly mountainous, the most prominent peaks being Mt Talawe, Mt Tangis and Mt Langla the last named being an active volcano.

The only river of any size within the area is the Itni River which is navigable by workboat for a distance of 6 miles.

The main centres of population are to be found in the Kilenge area, 15 miles west of the patrol post, and at the headwaters of the Itni River.

This patrol completed a patrol commenced by Mr Batterham, the purpose of the patrol being to compile the Common Roll in the area, census was also revised and other routine administrative matters attended to.

DIARY:

For diary see Field Officer's Journal folio no.s 30 - 35 inclusive, paragraphs 171 - 191 inclusive which have been forwarded to the Assistant District Officer Talasea under separate cover.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The most influential leader in the area is the Paramount Luluai AISAPO of Ongala Village, his influence extends to the New Guinea mainland, he is very pro-administration.

There have been no further moves to the coast by the inland villages, all village positions are as recorded by the last patrol.

A rather poor position exists at Aisega Village which is situated on the southern coast at the foot of

Mt Tangis on which an American Geodetic Survey Team is situated has, because it is the landing point of all supplies for this camp, borne the brunt of most of the carrying and because of this the village has been neglected.

The main reason for this is the desire of the people to keep as much of this carrying to themselves as possible, as the effective carrying potential of this village is only 12 - 15 persons, large amounts of cargo take two to three times longer than if carriers from other nearby villages were asked to help. This means that as soon as one load is transported another is ready for transportation, so that little or no time was being spent on necessary village maintenance.

Discussions were had with village officials and it was suggested that carrying be done not by the one village but by several villages, thereby reducing the amount of carrying to be done by Aisega and allowing more time to be devoted to essential village maintenance which was ordered to be done. Orders were also given that carriers from other villagers were to bring their own food so as not to enroach on Aisega's supply.

The people in this area do not give the impression of being particularly industrious, though the patrol was well met and every possible assistance extended.

COMMON ROLL:

No problems were encountered in compiling the Common Roll and all available information was passed on, questions were encouraged though not many were forthcoming. The people stated that they would discuss it later on at village meetings, they were told that if any questions arose from these meetings that they would be answered, if possible at the patrol post and that as more information came to hand it would be passed on to them.

The Common Roll for the Kilenge/Bollo area is now completed and copies of same will be forwarded to the Assistant District Officer, Talasea under separate cover for safe keeping.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING:

Villages and housing inspected during this patrol were found in most cases to be of a reasonable standard, these have been brought up to standard by the efforts of the previous officers, one or two cases were found where work which had been ordered had not been done, due to the fact that a magistrate was not available to ~~try~~ hear these cases and one is not expected for a month or so time limits of one month was set on the completion of this work with a check to be made at the end of this period to make sure his work has been done, if not court proceedings will be instituted.

All rest houses were found to be up to standard and several newly constructed ones to be of a higher standard than the general run of rest houses.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

In general village officials in the area are doing a reasonable job, several of them are approaching old age and expressed their desire to relinquish their positions in the near future.

Four provisional changes were made they were;

<u>Village</u>	<u>Present Official</u>	<u>New Official</u>	<u>Reason for Change.</u>
Aipati	Luluai ASOPA	MORLAI	Old Age
"	Tul Tul AIGILU	AISIPEL	Wishes to migrate
Potpotpua	Luluai NAGARING	KORNO	Has been working in Rabaul for 12 months.
Sag Sag	None Appointed	ANDA	No Tul Tul previously appointed.

A letter under separate cover has been forwarded to the District Officer requesting confirmation of these appointments.

LAW AND ORDER.

No complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol.

One case of absenteeism from census without reasonable excuse was recorded and court proceedings will be instituted as soon as a magistrate is available.

CENSUS:

Only one case of absenteeism without reasonable excuse was recorded (see Law and Order), all school children were released for census.

The figures recorded by this patrol showed an increase of 1½% of births over deaths, 7.3% of the population was engaged in outside employment.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

A vehicular road exists between the Patrol Post and TUALI village passing the airstrip and Kilenge Catholic Mission, this road which up till one month ago was prone to washaways during wet weather has now been improved considerably. It is hoped that within two months it will be trafficable during all weathers.

Work is also underway to open this road to vehicular traffic as far as Sag Sag Anglican Mission and it is hoped that this will be open within the next couple of months.

A trafficable road would exist to AIRAGUILPUA at little expense, the road bed itself is in good condition, though several bridges would be required, this road would bring nine villages within easy walking distance.

As the first mentioned roads are the most important work on them will have to be completed first.

Walking tracks encountered throughout the area were quite reasonable, some of the steep ascents and descents were found to be slippery though no great difficulty was experienced.

AIRFIELDS:

The only airfield in use in the area is situated 10 miles west of the Patrol Post, this is an old wartime strip constructed by the Japanese and later used by the Americans, it open to aircraft up to DCS standard.

No regular service calls, though planes will call on request for a diversion fee of £10 and also for medical emergencies.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The main economic crop of the area is copra. The economic development of the whole area depends on transport and in all but a few cases, namely villages in the Kilenge area, development is being retarded due to the lack of transport.

Only one regular shipping service calls to this area and it only calls every 6 weeks when it is on time. Stops are made at the Patrol Post and the two missions in the area.

It may be possible to organise a link up with the regular service to Iboki Pt. some 7 hours away using the government workboat, which is at the moment in Rabaul on survey.

This position will have to be resolved as soon as possible as the people of the area are fast losing interest because of the amount of copra which has apparently rotted while awaiting transport.

This position has been alleviated somewhat in the Kilenge and Patrol Post areas by the formation of two Native Producers Societies where copra is brought and stored to await shipment.

Discussions will be had with both the mission at Kilenge and Sag Sag both of which own boats to see if it would be possible for them to transport copra to a shipping point from the villages which have no access to the regular shipping.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

The main subsistence food crops grown in this area are taro, yams, kau kau the diet is also supplemented with taro kong kong (Singapore Taro), tapioc and bananas, very little or none of the other supplementary crops such as pineapples, corn, beans or tomatoes are grown.

Although there has been a lack of rain over the last 2 - 3 months all gardens seen by me were supporting good crops, the only complaints were of the disease which is affecting the taro, this seems to be general throughout New Britain. The coastal people are able to supplement their diet with fish while those in the inland areas are able to catch wild pig.

Because the positions of many of the villages in this area have been moved once or even twice, one or two stands of palms are often owned by one village. Copra production within the area is very low due to the lack of transport and the fact that amounts of copra have rotted while awaiting transport.

It was found in many cases that driers had been allowed to fall into disrepair and no effort made to repair same, the people were told to get to work and repair these driers and that a visit by a representative of the Dept of Agriculture would be arranged as soon as possible, it is appreciated that the staff position at the moment is not the best, but I feel that such a visit is warranted within the near future.

As mentioned previously in Economic Development the two Native Producers Societies are shipping copra from the Kilenge and Patrol Post areas, villages in the coastal Baraia also ship copra through these societies. A co-oper active field assistant has just been transferred to this area these societies will benefit greatly from this supervision.

HEALTH:

The health position is as good as can be expected, scabies and tinia imbricata are still to be found quite extensively in most villages.

There are three hospitals in the area, one at Cape Gloucester supervised by a European Medical Assistant, a hospital and maternity ward at Kilenge run by the Catholic Mission and one at Sag Sag Anglican Mission run by a trained male nurse, it is intended to build a new 50 bed ward here within the next 6 months. There is also a Government Aid Post at Aumo run by a Native Aid Post Orderly which on inspection was found to be in satisfactory condition though the APO seems sadly overworked.

There are still quite a few suspect TB and Leprosy cases in the area though many have been shipped out, a recent Leprosy Survey by Dr Russell has done much to alleviate the Leprosy position though no TB survey has yet been done.

Land has been purchased next to the new Patrol Post site for a Chronic Diseases Colony though no definite information as to the development of this site is to hand.

The Medical Orderly MELIS who accompanied the patrol gave treatment as required for minor sores etc. and his conduct during the patrol was helpful.

HYGIENE:

All villages in this area have access to good supplies of water, areas for drinking and washing are maintained. Toilets in most villages required some repair, rubbish holes were in evidence in all but a few cases and were in use.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS:

Education in this area is divided between the Anglican and Catholic Missions. The Anglican Mission at Sag Sag controls the following villages, SAG SAG, AIMOLA, POTPOTPEA, GIE, URA, WALWALAPUA, AISEGA, AUMO and BELMEN, while LAIT, ALIAPUA, ROVATA, AIPATI and WITNARI are half Anglican and half Catholic. The Catholic Mission, Baraia controls NATAMU, GARIMATI, KAKUMO, SILIMATI, NEKAROP, MANGAILAPUA, NIKENIAPAU, ALIAPUA (partially), OREIMO, ROVATA (partially), AIRAGUIPUA, ARARAU, and AISILMAPUA. The remaining villages come under the influence of the Catholic Mission at Kilenge. Relations between the three Missions are cordial. All three are staffed by Europeans.

Most of the village schools in the area are staffed by unregistered teachers, standards up to 3 are taught in these schools, the schools at Kilenge Mission and Sag Sag Mission have classes up to standard 5 & 4 respectively. School buildings are of reasonable size and quality, the most outstanding of the village schools ~~xxx~~ is at AIMAGA it is of European type construction and materials.

It was found in several villages that children had left school at Xmas and had decided not to go back, these were all formerly pupils at Kilenge, the reason given was that they did not like the Sisters. Meetings were held in the villages concerned GILNIT and NAMATOTO and the parents told that they were doing their children more harm than good ~~xxx~~ by not making their children go to school.

NAMATOTO also requested me to ask the Mission at Kilenge to send another teacher for the village school the last one apparently had women trouble and was given his marching orders. Both these matters will be taken up with Father McSweeney at a later date.

TOTAL

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REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Conduct.</u>	<u>Comments.</u>
MAINAR 7565 CONST l/c	Good	Steady & Reliable
BONAI 7601 Const	"	Reasonable
PASIKA 10232 "	"	"

TOTAL
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N. Wright
N. Wright,
Gadet Patrol Officer.

99-1-1

Patrol Post,
Cape Gloucester,
Talasea Sub District,
West New Britain District.

6th March, 1963.

District Officer,
RABAUL.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

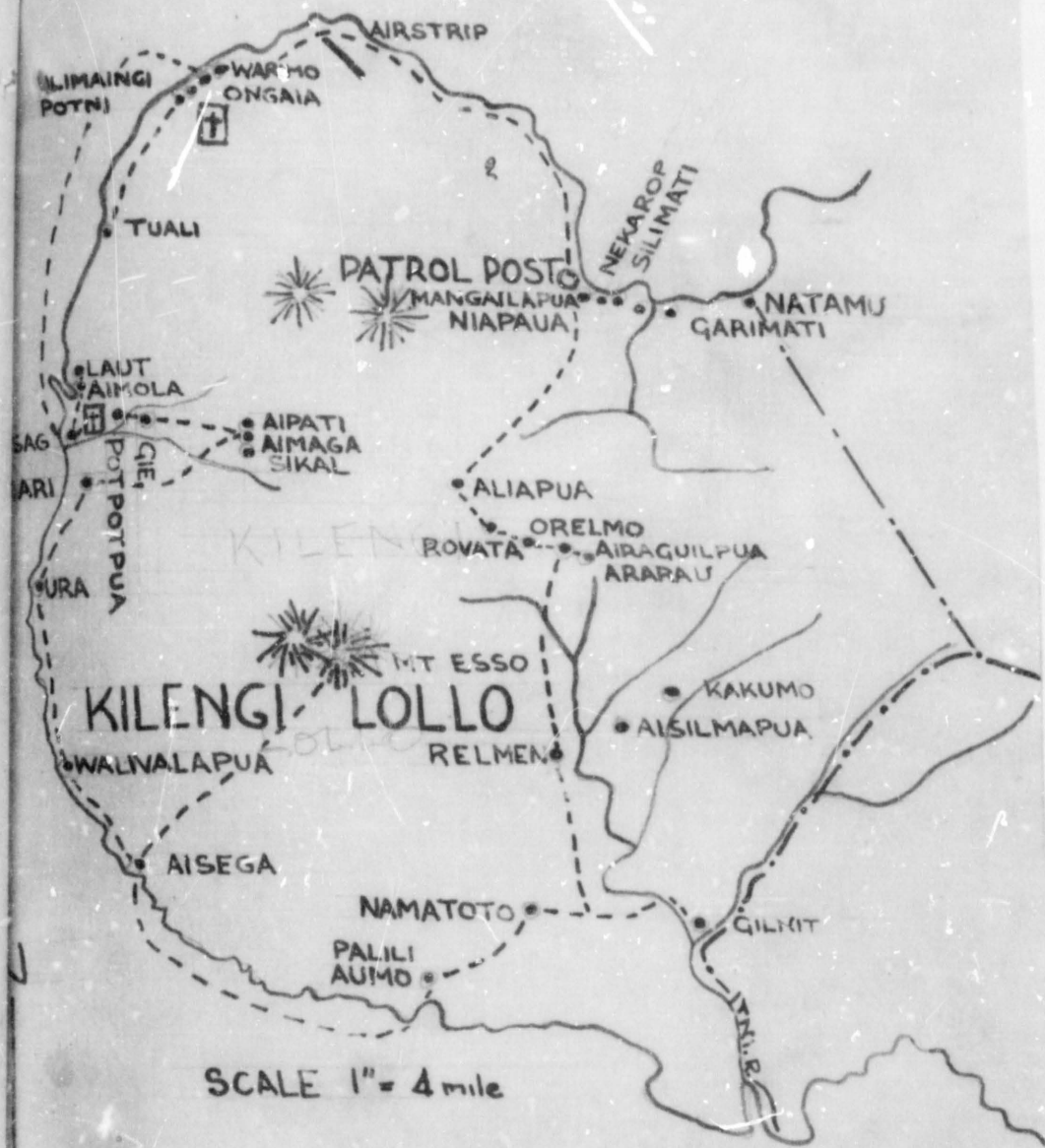
The following provisional appointments were
made by me during Cape Gloucester Patrol No. 4;

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Previous Off.</u>	<u>Prop. Off.</u>	<u>Reason for Change.</u>
Aipati	Luluai ASOPA	MORLAI	Old Age
"	Tul Tul AIGTU	AISIPEL	Wishes to migrate
Potpotpua	Luluai NAGARINO	KORNO	Has been working in Rabaul 18 mths.
Sag Sag		ANZA	No Tul Tul previously appointed.

Would you please approve the above appointments.

N. Wright,
Officer-in-Charge.

C.C. Assistant District Officer, TALAERA.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST NEW BRITAIN Report No. Cape Gloucester 6/62-63.

Patrol Conducted by N. WRIGHT

Area Patrolled KALIAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 1. NMA, / 3. R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 11./3./1963 to 11./4./1963.

Number of Days 31

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / 9 / 1963

Medical ... / ... / 19

Map Reference Map attached

Objects of Patrol 1. COMPILATION OF COMMON ROLL.

2. CENSUS. 3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ... £.....

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67-10-33

3rd July, 1963.

The District Officer,
West New Britain District,
R A B A U L.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6-62/63 - CAPE GLOUCESTER:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The Report mainly deals with subject matter covered in your memorandum 51-5-1 of 15th May 1963 which has been dealt with in another file. I am pleased that good progress has been made on the compilation of the Common Roll.

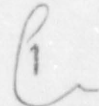
Development of the inland Kaliai villages, if carefully managed, should be beneficial so long as people do not use land subject to control by other than those making plantings.

I shall be grateful to receive a report on what is happening in the area.

Aipau and Aikele should be carefully cultivated and their influence used in getting the people to accept formal settlement arrangements where economic tree crops are concerned in particular.

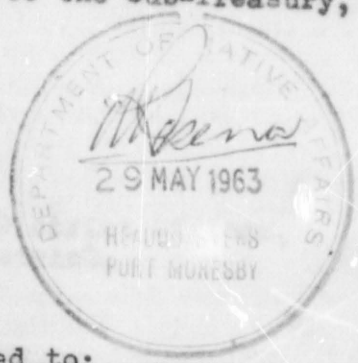
The stories concerning Koriam are obviously incorrect and have been subject to distortion in the telling.

I am interested to note that the people propose having village discussions on the Common Roll. This group discussion will not only benefit the people's comprehension but will allow them to recognise the purpose of the new House of Assembly and its role in their future lives. Material will be provided to you in the near future to assist in explaining about the reason for the elections and the manner in which elections are conducted. A pamphlet called "Facts About the House of Assembly Elections to be Held in 1964" is being printed and should be distributed during this month.



(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

Claim for Camping allowance has been certified and passed to the Sub-Treasury, Rabaul, for payment.



(E. G. Hicks)
District Officer
West New Britain

c.c. Minuted to:
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

... Forwarded for your information please. A copy
... of the relevant Patrol Report and comments thereon by
... the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, is attached.

The situation which has resulted from Koriam's appointment to the New Britain District Advisory Council and his position as a LegCo Observer has already been reported separately, vide my memorandum 51-5-1 of 15th May, 1963.

I hope to be able to forward further information in relation to the economic venture in the Island Kaliai in the near future.

(E. G. Hicks)
District Officer
West New Britain

27/5/63.

67-5-12
25-3-1

District Office,
Rabaul.

27th May, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,
Talasea Sub District,
TALASEA.

CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL NO. 6-62/63
KALIAI CENSUS DIVISION

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum 67-4-1 of 19th May, 1963, forwarding report of the above patrol which was conducted by Mr. N. Wright, Cadet Patrol Officer. I have the following comments to make on the patrol report and your covering memorandum.

Native Affairs:

The Cadet Patrol Officer refers to rumours which have been filtering into the Kaliai Division concerning the activities of a native of Ablingi, Gasmata Sub-District. The person concerned is KORIAM-UREKIT, Tuitul of Ablingi Village, Gasmata Division - a member of the New Britain District Advisory Council and currently an observer at the Territory Legislative Council.

I am attaching for your information copies of recent correspondence concerning KORIAM and would request that you keep me advised of any further so called "Koriam Cult" indications in your area. The important thing of course is to try and educate the native people to an understanding of the true significance of KORIAM's appointment to the District Advisory Council and as an Observer of the Territory Legislative Council. I note that it is your intention to visit the inland KALIAI area in about 6 weeks' time.

Common Roll:

Good progress has been made to date and I look forward to completion of the task for the whole of the Sub-District by the end of July 1963.

BIBLING RIDGE Development:

Reference to your file 25-2-1 will show that the position is not quite as recalled by you in your covering memorandum 67-4-1 of 19th May, 1963.

It will be seen that, by memorandum 25-2-1 of 4th September 1962, the then Assistant District Officer, Talasea, reported the commencement of an economic development scheme involving the inland Kaliai villages but was critical of communal plantings which were to form the basis of the project.

My memorandum 25-3-1 of 13th September, 1962, addressed to the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, (copy for information to Officer in Charge, Cape Gloucester Patrol Post) drew attention to memorandum H.H.19/60 of 15th June, 1960, setting out current Administration policy in relation to native economic development schemes and to Nataff memorandum 35-21-10 of 24th April, 1961, which stressed the need to avoid, as far as possible, the extension of communal plantings of cash crops. Copies of all memoranda referred to above have been forwarded to your Office for information in the past.

Since the development described by Mr. Normoyle in September, 1962, was not in accordance with Administration policy, I advised him that it should not be encouraged in the form originally proposed. At the same time I supported a recommendation by the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, that action be taken as follows:

- (a) The Officer in charge, Cape Gloucester, should visit the ROBOS area as soon as possible and forward accurate information relating to the current position.
- (b) The people should be advised in the strongest possible terms to abandon the community approach in favour of individual plantings on economic sized blocks.
- (c) Closest liaison should be maintained with the staff of the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries at Talasea in determining and implementing the most desirable form of economic development to be undertaken.

It was intended that Mr. Betterham, Patrol Officer, should conduct the necessary preliminary survey; however his transfer to the Australian School of Pacific Administration at the end of 1962 apparently upset these arrangements. I myself was absent from the District from the end of November, 1962, until April, 1963.

From Mr. Wright's report, it now appears that the movement of the former bush Kaliai villages of ROBOS, MOLUOR, AIKON, ANGAL and BENIM is virtually a fait accompli. It would appear however that little if anything has been done to discourage communal planting of cash crops and I would appreciate further information on this point. I assume that Agricultural Officers have visited the area since Mr. Wright refers to the supply of 1,500 coconuts to the project. If so a copy of the relevant report should be on your files at Talasea.

I look forward to receiving your further views on the situation generally after you have yourself visited the area at the end of June.

General:

Mr. Wright is to be congratulated on the submission of an interesting report of a patrol conducted. Your reports on the good work being done at Cape Gloucester by this young Officer are noted with satisfaction.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 67-2-1

Patrol Post,
Cape Gloucester,
Talasea Sub District,
New Britain District.

7th May, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
TALASEA.

KALIAI Patrol Report - Cape Gloucester No. 6. - 62/63.

INTRODUCTION: The Kaliai Census Division is the easternmost of the areas patrolled from the Cape Gloucester Patrol Post.

It extends from the eastern shores of ROTTOCK Bay in the west to the eastern shore of REIN Bay in the east. It is bounded in the south by the WHITEMAN Ranges and the ARAWA and RAUTO Census Divisions in the KANDRIAN Sub District.

The inland section is extremely mountainous with several peaks over 4000'.

The largest river in the area is the ARIA River, which is navigable by workboat for a distance of approximately 15 miles.

The main centres of population are to be found on the coast in the area surrounding the KALIAI Catholic Mission and at the headwaters of the ARIA River.

The main purpose of the patrol was the compilation of the Common Roll for the area, though census was revised and other routine administrative matters were attended to.

DIARY:

For diary see Field Officer's Journal folio nos. 38-45 inclusive, paragraphs 212-245 inclusive, which have been forwarded to the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, under separate cover.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The two most influential people in this area are the Paramount Luluai AIFAU from Kandoka Village, whose main influence is in the coastal area, though he has some influence in the inland region. Not being a hereditary leader his influence is not as extensive as that of the Paramount Luluai from Kilenge AISAP).

The other person is AIKELE an ex Police Sargeant from MOLOUR Village. His influence is centred in the villages concerned in the BIBLING RIDGE DEVELOPMENT (see Appendix A), but extends also to the LAMONGAI Villages.

Both are pro-administration.

Wild stories have been filtering into this area of one Koriap of ABLINGI Village in Kandrian Sub District.

According to the people in the inland Kaliai area KOBIAI has been holding meetings in the ARAWA area, telling the people that he has the permission of the government to hold these meetings, and, that his job, is to make new laws for the natives. The people say that very soon he is coming into the Kaliai area to hold meetings there.

His most oft quoted statement is that "he is going to rouse all the poison out of us (natives)".

Also he has supposed to have been:-

- (a) Put in jail several times, accumulation of which extends to 7 years.
- (b) Boiled in a 44 gallon drum of water by government officials.
- (c) Rolled down a mountain in a 44 gallon drum by government officials.
- (d) Been sent to Australia.
- (e) Hung by his hands and legs over a fire.
- (f) Been to Rome to see the Pope.

The stories have filtered in by way of the LAMONGAI people, who incessantly wander between the Kandrian side and their own area.

The people in this area are quite industrious, and throughout the area the patrol was well met and every possible assistance extended.

COMMON ROLL:

No problems were encountered in compiling the Common Roll, and all available information was passed on. Questions were encouraged, though not many were forthcoming.

The people stated that they would have village meetings and discuss it at a later date. They were told that if any questions arose out of these meetings, that they would be answered at the patrol post or during the next patrol.

The Common Roll for the Kaliai area will be forwarded to the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, under separate cover for safe keeping.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING:

In general villages and housing in this area is of a reasonable standard, though it was found that much of the work that was ordered done, by the previous patrolling officer, had not been done. The people in question have been brought back to the patrol post pending court action.

The villages of BENIM, AIKON, ANGAL, GIGINA and MOLOUR have all moved to the headwaters of the ARIA River to join with ROBOS (see BIBLING RIDGE DEVELOPMENT Appendix A).

Rest of houses throughout the area are in general good condition, though several are due to be rebuilt.

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Ed.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

In the main, officials in the area, are doing a good job. Several provisional changes were made, these are listed below:-

<u>Village</u>	<u>Present Official</u>	<u>New Official</u>	<u>Reason for Change.</u>
Moro	Luluai INOROU	KAMAR	Has migrated to Bulawatni.
"		KAUSA	Previous official dead.
Kandoka	Luluai PAGA	NANGILE	Ill health.

A letter under separate cover has been forwarded to the Assistant District Officer, Talasea, requesting confirmation of these appointments.

LAW AND ORDER:

Many debt complaints were investigated. The people in this area, especially the coastal and river villages, are inveterate borrowers. No court action was required as these debts were settled during the patrols visit.

Many cases of failure to carry out orders given by the previous patrolling officer, under Section 118 of the NAR's as amended to date, were found. The persons in question were brought back to the patrol post pending court action.

CENSUS:

No trouble was experienced in compiling census. All people attended willingly.

The figures recorded during this patrol showed an increase of 1.8 % of births over deaths. 8.9% of the population was engaged in outside employment.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Travel in this area is mainly per medium of canoe or workboat, although during the "wet season" when seas tend to be rough, all but two villages can be reached by bridle paths, the two exceptions are DENGGE and TAMUNIAI which are islands.

The movement of the bush Kaliai Villages to the Aria River has cut walking times in this area considerably (see Appendix B). The LAMONGAI area necessitates the most walking, as ~~here~~ of the villages in this area can be reached by water transport.

In general tracks throughout the Kaliai area are kept in good order, though in the wet, tracks in the Lamongai tend to become well kept bogs. Considerable corduroying has been done in this area to alleviate this position, and tracks are on the improve.

Except within IBOKI PLTN. and at Kaliai Catholic Mission no trafficable roads exist.

AIRFIELDS:

No airfields are in use in this area, though one has just recently been surveyed near Iboki Pltn., for use by small aircraft.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The only native grown economic crop in this area is copra, though Iboki Pltn. produces quite large amounts of cocoa; production figures are not to hand.

Though only one regular shipping service exists in this area it is quite frequent, running from Rabaul to Iboki and Bali, Vitu Islands thence to Rabaul.

Because of the large amounts of cargo shipped on this service from Bali Island, native copra is often left to await another trip.

The people of the LAMONGAI area, who are just now settling down to permanent villages, are not yet interested in economic development, their main concern at the moment being permanent food gardens.

These people, because of their comparative isolation, are at a disadvantage as regards transport, and before any real effort towards economic development in this area can be made, this situation will have to be resolved.

All villages situated along the ARIA River have, since the last patrol in the area, planted upwards of 500 new coconut palms. Because of their closeness to the ARIA River, the transportation of copra presents no problems.

These villages sell their copra to IBOKI PLTN. along with the villages on the coast who do not sell their copra to Father BIRKMAN at Kaliai Mission, or do not belong to the PRODUCERS' SOCIETY at KANDOKA.

Plantings along the coast seem to have stagnated since the last patrol in the area, and very few new plantings have been made.

The people of the villages of PURELING, KARAI, GILAU, KETENGE and TAVELIAI all expressed the desire for the establishment of a producers' society. These villages are all situated on the coast, originally they sold all their copra to the Father at Kaliai Catholic Mission. The Father at Kaliai Catholic Mission now wishes to finish this practice and for the people to run their own co-operative.

It is believed that the Co-operative Officer from Talasea is due in this area within the next month. The question of a society in this area will be taken up with him, so that he may visit the area himself and assess the position.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE:

The main food crops grown in this area are taro and kau kau; taro kong kong, tapioc, sugar cane, bananas and abicca are also grown and used mainly to supplement the taro and kau kau.

Due to the lack of rain in the early portion of the year a serious shortage of food existed in the inland KALIAI and LAMONGAI areas, the people living on one small meal a day.

The onset of rain, just previous to the patrol and during the patrol, has given all gardens a new lease of life. The people in these areas have been urged to increase their plantings of food crops, so that this situation will not arise at a later date.

The coastal villages have been a little luckier in this respect, and although some shortage of food exists in the coastal area, it is not causing any of the people any great hardship.

HEALTH:

The health position throughout this area is quite good, filariasis though is quite extensive in this area, especially in the coastal areas.

There is only one hospital in the area run by the Catholic Mission at TAVILLIAI. This is staffed by one European Sister. There is also a government aid post at BAGAI run by a Native Aid Post Orderly. The people of the village in which the aid post is situated are not doing a good job in maintaining aid post buildings etc. A better site exists, I feel, upstream on the BIBLING RIDGE, it would then cater for a population of 650, all of whom would be within 5 minutes walk.

The Medical Orderly, PETER, who accompanied the patrol, gave treatment as required for minor sores etc., and his conduct during the patrol was helpful.

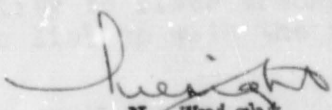
EDUCATION AND MISSIONS:

With the exception of GELEI which is controlled from POI Catholic Mission, half of GILAU which comes under the Anglican Mission Sag Sag and TAMUNIAI controlled by Barial Catholic Mission at Kokopo, education in this area is controlled by the Kalial Catholic Mission at TAVILLIAI.

The details of these schools are as follows:-

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CLASSES</u>	<u>NOS. OF PUPILS</u>
GELEI	Prep.	
	Standard 1	19
TALLWAGA	Prep.	
	Standard 1	26
BAGAI	Prep.	
	Standard 1 Standard 2	50
SALKE	Prep.	15
	Standard 1	13
	Standard 2	18
BATULING	Unknown, teacher absent.	50
KALIAI	Prep.	19
	Standard 1	19
	Standard 2A	22
	Standard 2B	26
	Standard 3	33
	Standard 4	36
TAMUNIAI	Standard 5	17
	Standard 6	8
	Prep.	7
	Standard 1	11
	Standard 2	11

As can be seen from these figures, school attendance in this area is good.


N. Wright,
Cadet Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX A.

BIBLING RIDGE DEVELOPMENT:

This development area consists of the villages of ROBOS, MOLOUR, AIKON, ANGAL, BENIM and GIGINA. All of these villages were originally situated in the Kalisi bush area and have all moved onto BIBLING RIDGE at the headwaters of the ARIA River.

The total population is 650. Most of the 6 villages are nearly completed. Temporary toilet facilities only exist at the moment, though for the present these are satisfactory; permanent facilities are to be installed as soon as possible.

The people involved in this development are showing great enthusiasm, and considering the short time that these villages have been in this area, the amount of work done reflects this enthusiasm. The people here are very pro-administration, and every assistance was offered the patrol during its 5 day stay.

There has been a bad shortage of food over the last two months, the reasons for this being:-

- 1) The lack of rain during January and February, causing many crops to wither and die.
- 2) The fact that gardens were not properly established and were not large enough to support the village population when the people moved to the new site.

There is a lack of permanent drinking water near the village sites, though water can be obtained, if other supplies fail, from one of the tributaries of the ARIA River, about 2 miles distant.

The villages have been well set out, and if building continues to be of a reasonable standard, a very well set out and orderly settlement will exist.

Plans were discussed for the erection or clearing of a large meeting house or area suitable for large scale communal meetings; also the clearing of an area suitable for football was suggested and well received.

As cash crops and subsistence gardens are all communal affairs, and the fact that the villages are all situated within an area of 1 mile, it was suggested that a committee consisting of village officials be set up, so that community development etc. can be a steady and uniformly carried out function.

Gardens which have already been planted are on the improve and the food situation should steadily improve. Large areas are still being cleared for cultivation. The usual staples taro, kau kau and tapioc are grown, some supplies of taro kong have been brought in and planted because of their resistance to the disease affecting other taro types.

The Department of Agriculture left 1500 coconuts to be planted, after paying for transport and wastage, over 1000 palms have been planted and an area suitable for another 1000 has been cleared and marked for planting.

Because of the accessibility to river transport, copra etc. will be easily transported to link up with the regular shipping service to IBOKI.

The people in this area are enthusiastic, and all seem satisfied with arrangements as they stand.

APPENDIX B.

TRAVELLING TIMES:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TIME</u>
CAPE GLOUCESTER	KANDOKA	7½ hrs. per MV "Garnet".
KANDOKA	BOLO	2½ hrs. canoe and walk.
BOLO	SALKE	2 hrs. walk.
BOLO	DENGE	2½ hrs. canoe and walk.
DENGE	TALIWAGA	4¼ hrs. canoe.
TALIWAGA	BAGAI	3½ hrs. canoe.
BAGAI	BULAWATNI	2½ hrs. canoe and walk.
BULAWATNI	MOKUKLI	2½ hrs. walk.
MOKUKLI	BATULING	1 hr. walk.
BATULING	MORO	1½ hrs. walk.
MORO	BULAWATNI	2¼ hrs. walk.
BAGAI	BIBLING RIDGE (ROBOS MOLOUR AIKON ANGAL BENIM)	1½ hrs. canoe and walk.
BAGAI	KWAKO	1½ hrs. canoe.
KWAKO	TALIWAGA	2 hrs. canoe.
TALIWAGA	GELEI	4½ hrs. canoe and walk.
GELEI	LAUBORE	4¾ hrs. canoe and walk.
LAUBORE	GOGOLA	5 mins. walk.
LAUBORE	KANDOKA	½ hr. walk.
KANDOKA	TAVEL-LIAI	1 hr. canoe.
TAVEL-LIAI	KETENGE	½ hr. canoe.
KETENGE	GILAU	1½ hr. canoe.
GILAU	PURELING	1 hr. canoe.
PURELING	KARAI.AI	2 hrs. canoe.
KARAI.AI	TAMUNIAI	3 hrs. canoe.
TAMUNIAI	PATROL POST	3½ hrs. per MV "Garnet"

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1963

Govt. Print—5540/4.61.—4,000.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGES				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL M+F																				
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N. WRIGHT C.P.O.
 CAPE GHOUCESTER
 SCALE = 4 miles = 1"



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....WEST NEW BRITAIN..... Report No.....CAPE GLOUCESTER 27/62-3

Patrol Conducted by.....N. WRIGHT, CADET PATROL OFFICER.....

Area Patrolled.....BARIAI CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NO.....

Natives..2. RPNGC, N. M. A.....

Duration—From..20/6/1963..to..4/7/1963..

Number of Days..15.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by---District Services...../11/1963....

Medical/5/63.....

Map Reference.....Map attached.....

Objects of Patrol.....Compilation Common Roll, Census, Routine.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

67-10-37

20th August, 1963.

The District Officer,
West New Britain District,
RABAU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7-62/63 - CAPE GLOUCESTER.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged, with thanks.

Mr. Wright has acquitted himself well.

It is interesting to note that the matters reported previously (Patrol Report No. 6-62/63) were confirmed from these other stories. Such stories can only be overcome by repeated political education programmes.

I am pleased to note that no difficulties were experienced in the compilation of material for the Common Roll. How did the people receive the suggestions that they should wall their houses with platted materials in the form of blinds and that ventilation should be provided?

The people should be encouraged to produce the 150 bags of copra required to demand a call by the "KEMINA".

A well presented Patrol Report.

(J. K. McCarthy),
Director.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone 67-5-12
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....



District Office,
RABAU.

30th July, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL REPORT NO. 7-62/63,
SARIAI CENSUS DIVISION.

.... with. The relevant Patrol Report is forwarded here-

Mr. Wright has again conducted this patrol with commendable thoroughness and his reporting is clear and concise.

All matters of importance have been covered by appropriate comment therein.

I am not altogether happy about a young officer like Mr. Wright being given such responsibility as Cape Gloucester Patrol Post entails, but the shortage of experienced Patrol Officers in this District at present leaves me with no alternative.

E.G. Hicks
(E.G. HICKS)
District Officer,
West New Britain.
E.H.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 67-2-1

Patrol Post,
Cape Gloucester,
Talasca Sub District,
WEST NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT.

6th July, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
TALASEA.

BARIAI Patrol Report -- Cape Gloucester No. 7 - 62/3

INTRODUCTION:

The Bar^{iai} Census Division is to the east of Cape Gloucester Patrol Post from which it is patrolled. It is bounded in the west by the Kilenge/Lollo Census Div. and to the east by the Kaliai Census Div. It extends from Borgen Bay in the west to Central Rottok Bay in the east.

The people in general in this area are beach people and are accomplished sailors. The people of MALASONGNO Village were originally hill people from the headwaters of the EL River, also TAVINIAI Village, the people of which have now been absorbed into the beach villages, was originally on the slopes of Mt. SCHRADER.

The area consists of a coastal plane approximately one mile wide which is separated from the mountains of the interior in most cases by a large swamp. There are no rivers in the area navigable by motorised craft, the largest rivers are the EL and GURISSI Rivers. The highest peak in the area is Mt. SCHRADER which is 4,250' high.

The main purpose of the patrol was the compilation of the Common Roll, though census and other routine administrative matters were attended to.

DIARY:

Field Officers Journal Folios 58 - 60 (incl.) & 1, paras. 303 - 313 (incl.) & 1 - 4 (incl.) refer. These will be forwarded under separate cover.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

Reports of a lake on the SE slopes of Mt Schrader were investigated during this patrol. A climb was made to the top of Mt Schrader (4,250' aneroid barometer) and a search made but no trace was found of the lake.

During this patrol more reports of KORIAM'S meeting filtered in, a deputation of Village Officials from KOKOPO, SIAMATAI and MALASONGNO Villages came to see me at MALASONGNO

to find out what the meeting was all about.

PATROL REP
NS 7 of 62/13
CAPE GLOUCESTER

The stories of the meeting were brought over by people of TALIA Village who are of the same linguistic group as the people of MALASONGNO, on questioning the local villagers one of the visitors from TALIA it was found that the context of the stories was the same as previously reported by me (see CG P/R 6-62/3).

A native from TALIA whom I interviewed was present at the meeting from which these stories apparently originated it was held at PILILO Village with both KORIAM and the "numberwan Kiap" present.

The meeting was in conjunction with the Common Roll and the formation of the new Legislative Council.

During this meeting, according to my informant, KORIAM told everybody of his immortality. The meeting was conducted in "pidgin english".

If the extent of these stories can be judged by the fact that they have now filtered into all three census div. of the Cape Gloucester area then it seems they are very wide spread on the " other side ".

COMMON ROLL:

No difficulties were experienced in the compilation of the Common Roll, all available information on the subject was passed on.

Further discussion at a later date ,among themselves was encouraged, also they were told that during my next patrol to the area, it is hoped that this will be during September, that any questions will be answered and any other information which comes to hand will be passed on.

This now completes the Common Roll for the Cape Gloucester area. The Roll will be forwarded under separate cover.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING:

With building materials as available as it is, the housing of the area is not as good as it should be under these circumstances.

It was suggested that in future that when new houses are being constructed that they should be walled with blinds which are made out of the stem of the Sec Sac Tree. Most of the houses at the moment are walled by using just the plain stem stripped of its fronds and fastened to the up-rights of the house.

The blinds provide a much more practical, hygienic and attractive walling material, the manufacture of these blinds requires a little more work than the old method, but, "the end justifies the ~~end~~ means".

Also at least one window per house was advocated, as these people have a tendency to build their houses so that the inside is about as dark and airless as a hole in the ground and about twice as unhealthy.

There are only four Rest Houses in the area at ALAIDO,

AKONGA, KOKOPO, and MALASONGNO, these though are quite sufficient and are kept in good order and repair by the villages.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The most enthusiastic and co-operative of the officials in this area are the Luluais of AKONGA and SIAMATAI and the Tul Tul of KOKOPO, but in general officials in the area are of a reasonable standard.

The Luluai of SIAMATAI wished to resign due to old age but was persuaded not to as he is doing a good job and his village is a credit to him.

LAW AND ORDER:

No complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol and all work ordered by the previous officer had been carried out.

CENSUS:

No trouble was experienced in carrying out census and all persons attended willingly.

The figures show a 1.1% increase of births over deaths, 4.9% of the population is employed outside their villages, this is by far the lowest % of the three census divisions.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

All villages can be reached by sea transport also a bicycle track runs from the Patrol Post to MALASONGNO Village this is used when rough weather makes sea travel impossible.

This track is complete but for several bridges the construction of which would not be practicable because of the small amount of traffic which uses the road and the amount of maintenance which would be required to keep them serviceable.

The track as it stands though is kept in good order by the villages along its length.

AIRFIELDS.

No airfield exists in this area. Because of the narrowness and character of the coastal plain, which would be the only place suitable for the construction of an airstrip, construction of one would be uneconomical, also the small population does not warrant one.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The only economic crop grown in this area is coconuts, the largest stands being owned by the villages of KOKOPO, ALAIDO and AKONGA.

Up until recently all copra from the BARIAI Producers Co-operative (see Native Agriculture) had to be taken by canoe to the Cape Gloucester Patrol Post to await shipment on the KERWINA, which services the Patrol Post every month - 6 weeks, this though was never a very satisfactory arrangement because of the distance involved and the bad weather conditions which often exist in the area. When available the government work boat was ~~made available~~ but due to other commitments, breakdowns etc it was often unavailable.

During the KERWINA'S last visit to the Patrol Post, the Captain was approached and asked under what conditions he would pick up copra from the Societies store at KOKOPO, he

AKONGA stated that he would pick up in excess of 150 bags only this being in the vicinity of 10 tons and would therefore make his trip worthwhile.

During the patrol meetings were held in all villages and the position explained, it was also pointed out that if sufficient copra was not made to justify a trip at least every three months that the service may be discontinued.

The position was also explained to the chairman of the Society and the subject is to be discussed at the Societies next meeting.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE:

The main subsistence crops grown in this area are Taro Kau Kau (Sweet Potatoe) and Bananas, these are supplemented to a large extent by sea foods which are plentiful throughout the area.

The easternmost of the villages also supplement their diet with wild pig, cassowary and wallaby all of which are plentiful in this area, dogs are usually used to hunt these.

Mami (type of yam) grown in the Kilenge Area) has been tried but with no real success.

There are two co-operatives in the area both of which are situated at KOKOPO, one being under government supervision the other is run by Father Rose of the Bariai C.M.

During the patrols stay in KOKOPO the M.V. KURWINA picked up 157 bags of copra from the Bariai Societies Store.

The Taro disease which attacks the leaf of this plant is still quite prevalent also another disease which attacks the tuber was seen, this causes the Taro to rot in the ground before maturity. This disease has not been seen in other areas where the leaf blight is quite common.

HEALTH:

An aid post is situated at AKONGA Village it is at the moment staffed by a HO detached from Cape Gloucester Hospital. This post is sufficient for the area with the more serious cases being sent to the Native Hospital at Cape Gloucester.

The C.M. Bariai intends to build a european material hospital at AKONGA in the near future, this is to be staffed with native nurses.

If and when this is built the need for an aid post at AKONGA will cease to exist.

H.O. MELES who accompanied the patrol was helpful throughout the duration of same.

MISSION AND EDUCATION.

The education needs of the area are catered for by the C.M. Bariai which has its headquarters at BOMAI near AKONGA with an outstation at SOLYMPIO near KOKOPO, the resident father is FATHER ROSE.

The mission runs two schools one at BOMAI, which caters for pupils up to standard 4 and is responsible for the schooling of children from the following villages - ALAIDO, MAREKA, NAMARAMANGA, BAMBAK, AKONGA, KOKOPO and GURISSI, another school at MALASONGNO looks after MALASONGNO and SIAMATAI, this school has only preparatory classes promising pupils being sent to BOMAI.

Promising pupils are sent from BOMAI to VUVU Boarding school near RABAUL.

Though it is realised that the Administration school at TALASEA is hopelessly inadequate for the area which it serves, many enquires have been made as to the possibility of getting several pupils from this area admitted per year. These pupils would be St.4 or over.

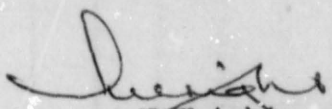
Details of the mission schools at BOMAI and MALASONGNO are as follows -:

BOMAI SCHOOL.

Prep.	35 pupils.
St.1a	11 "
St.1b	25 "
St.2	18 "
St.3	17 "
St.4	26 "
Total -	<u>132.</u>

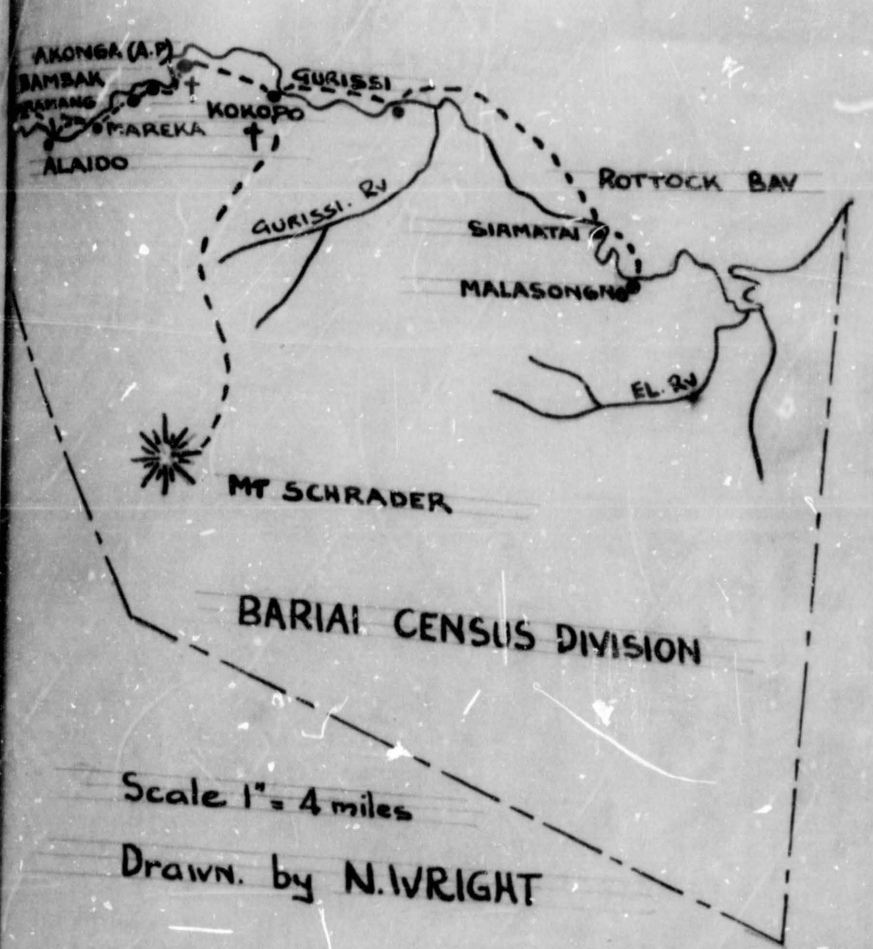
MALASONGNO SCHOOL.

Class.1	6 pupils
Class.2	8 "
Total -	<u>14</u>


N. Wright,
Officer-in-Charge.

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Scale 1" = 4 miles

Drawn by N. WRIGHT